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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (Amended) A device for treating meat products, in particular poultry and parts thereof, comprising:

a. a conveyor device having a plurality of meat-product holders which are displaceable along a track; and

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